



**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson
Daniel Delahaye
Carl Pataky
Jaime Barceleau
Alma Wilson
Robert Gonzales
Gail Caldwell
David Turner
Matthew Carroll
Fred Shuford

Members Absent

Henry Stokes
Alice Davis
Hector Munoz
Mitch Doblado
Joel Barrios
Thomas Carter
Jennifer Matthews
Olga Holguin
Mary Lyerly

Staff Present

Dr. Norman C. Merrifield, Dir.
Barry Russell, Assist. Dir.
Lucy Martinez, Recording Secretary
Doug Barnes, Sports Manager
Joe Rodriguez, Rec. Services Mgr.
Pete Dunavant, Admin. Analyst
Brenda Romero, Rec & Sports Coord.
Ana Thornton, Recreation Specialist

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Gail Caldwell arrived at 6:10 p.m.; Carl Pataky arrived at 6:17 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve April 3, 2007 minutes with the amendment that Fred Shuford was present made by Dave Turner; seconded by Matthew Carroll; all in favor; motion carried.**
3. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:**
Matthew Carroll, Advisory Board Member discussed bicycles being banned at the bridges.
4. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Special Recognitions:**
Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Services Manager along with Brenda Romero, Recreation & Sports Coordinator and Ana Thornton, Recreation Specialist recognized and gave special certificates to eight (8) Special Olympic MPD participants for their performance in the 2007 events in the international setting.
5. **Motion to move item #6 made by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by David Turner; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
6. **Discussion and Action on Athletic Field Reservation Policy by Doug Barnes, Sports Manager: Motion to pass the Athletic Field Reservation Policy as presented made by Daniel Delahaye; seconded by Jaime Barceleau; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
7. **Discussion and Information on Final Presentation for Perspectiva P+3:** Power Point presentation done by Veronica Harris, Project Manager for P+3.
8. **Discussion and Action on expenditure of funds existing in the Westside Recreation Center Budget by Barry Russell, Assistant Director for Parks Land Management:** Barry Russell, Assistant Director for Land Management stated that Westside Recreation Center has money in contingency and with a demand on a skate park, ADA accessibility, dog park, and swings which were items left out due to original budget, approval from BOAC was already received and Parks Advisory Committee must be made to pursue these projects. These projects will be done with the help of City Engineering Department. **Motion to approve the expenditure of contingency funds for the Westside Recreation Center for skate park, ADA accessibility, dog park and swings; seconded by Robert Gonzales; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**

9. **Discussion and Action:** Transferring of funds from 2000 QOL Parks Contingency Fund to Pavo Real Pool Project by Barry Russell, Assistant Director for Land Management. Mr. Russell is requesting \$230,000 to add an addition inside the pool making it two 25 meter pools and add wading equipment. **Motion to transfer \$230,000 from 2000 QOL Parks Contingency Fund to Pavo Real Pool Project by Jaime Barceleau; seconded by Gail Caldwell, all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
10. **Discussion and Information on Aquatics Advisory Council held April 26, 2007 by Robert Gonzales, Vice Chairman of the Aquatics Council:** As per Mr. Gonzales, the main agenda for the meeting was a presentation done by Karen Fuller, Aquatics Manager to move the venue to the Tigua Pool Facility due to the amount of spectators attending. A vote to have the coaches separate the competitors by age group will be held May 16, 2007 and final outcome will be voted on by the Aquatics Council via conference call. Sandra Youngblood was present at the meeting to present her report on pools. She discussed competitive swimming versus recreational swimming, where efforts should be concentrated on and the pool temperatures and pool related diseases. She also mentioned partnering with schools
11. **Discussion and Information:** Park Master Plan information by Dr. Merrifield, Parks Director. Dr. Merrifield discussed problem areas and possible solutions for parks recreation, pools and after school programs.

Open Comments: Matthew Carroll, Park Board Member questions the placement of swings at Memorial Park. Dr. Merrifield stated that the location of swings on south side for Memorial Park will be changed due to the Landmark Commission commented that the swings would block the front of the park. Location is still to be determined working with the community.

Chairperson, Eileen Karlsruher mentioned a ribbon cutting and re-naming Sherman Park to Montalvo Park on 5820 Tiger Eye Drive, District 4, Tuesday, May 2, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.